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From: Commanding General, I Marine Expeditionary Force
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Subj: I MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE (I MEF) SPECIAL LIBERTY PERIODS FOR CALENDAR YEAR (CY) 2015 AND 2016

Ref: (a) HQSVCBN USMARFORPAC BnBul 1050 ADJ of 17 Aug 15

1. Purpose. This Bulletin is intended to compliment the reference as well as standardize I MEF special liberty dates and times through 2016.

2. Cancellation. I MEFBul 1050 of 28 Oct 14.

3. Background. The Commander is charged with establishing the "Holiday Routine." In mirroring the reference to every extent possible, the days of liberty are aligned to support higher headquarters priorities and objectives as well as resource partnering with the Commanding General, Marine Corps Installations-West/Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton.

4. Action. I MEF will observe the following special liberty hours for the prescribed holiday(s):

a. Major Subordinate Commanders and Elements (MSC/E) (including I MEF Headquarters Group, Marine Expeditionary Units and Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Forces), are authorized to adjust their special liberty periods as necessary to support operational commitments. Further, MSC/E Commanders may request to the Commanding General, I Marine Expeditionary Force (MEF) to extend a MEF directed "72" to a "96" special liberty period.

b. Commanders, may authorize civilian employees to voluntarily take liberal leave during periods when special liberty is authorized for military personnel in conjunction with a federal holiday during a special leave period. Employees who elect to take liberal leave are charged annual leave from their leave accounts. Liberal leave is voluntary. Civilian employees who do not elect to take annual leave during an authorized period of liberal leave must report to work for duty. Further, in absence of statute and as derived from several different documents (i.e., 64 Com Gen. 835, 64 Comp Gen. 171 (1984), 63 Com Gen. 542, 544 (1984) and 54 Comp Gen. 706, 708 (1975)) over the years, it has been common practice for Command's to authorize a 59 minute early departure.

c. Observation Period(s)

HOLIDAY	LIBERTY DATES/TIMES	ACTUAL (TYPE / DATE / DAY)
2015		
Labor Day	03 Sep (1630) - 08 Sep (0730)	96 / 07 Sep / Mon

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HOLIDAY	LIBERTY DATES/TIMES	ACTUAL (TYPE / DATE / DAY)
2015 (Cont'd)		
Columbus Day	09 Oct (1630) - 13 Oct (0730)	72 / 12 Oct / Mon
Veterans' Day	10 Nov (1630) - 12 Nov (0730)	*24 / 11 Nov / Wed
Thanksgiving Day	25 Nov (1630) - 30 Nov (0730)	96 / 26 Nov / Thu
Christmas Day	24 Dec (1630) - 29 Dec (0730)	96 / 25 Dec / Fri
New Year's Day	31 Dec (1630) - 05 Jan (0730)	96 / 01 Jan / Fri
2016		
Martin Luther King Day	15 Jan (1630) - 19 Jan (0730)	72 / 18 Jan / Mon
President's Day	12 Feb (1630) - 16 Feb (0730)	72 / 15 Feb / Mon
Memorial Day	27 May (1630) - 31 May (0730)	72 / 30 May / Mon
Independence Day	01 Jul (1630) - 05 Jul (0730)	72 / 04 Jul / Mon
Labor Day	02 Sep (1630) - 06 Sep (0730)	72 / 05 Sep / Mon

(*) Duration changed from last year's observance

d. Emphasize the importance of using common sense and the responsible use of alcohol during the holiday period. Situational awareness must be highlighted during safety lectures as well as Holiday Accident Reduction Program (HARP) forms properly vetted and approved. If a Marine/Sailor is going out of bounds the appropriate request should be submitted via Marine Online (MOL) and approved prior to execution.

e. All personnel should be aware that operational requirements may surface which will supersede the authorized liberty.

f. All non policy inquiries regarding this Bulletin should be directed to the acting MEF G-1 Adjutant, Master Gunnery Sergeant Richard E. Evans, Jr. 760 725-9261.

5. Reserve Applicability. This Bulletin is applicable to the Marine Corps Total Force.

6. Cancellation Contingency. This Bulletin is cancelled upon receipt of next Bulletin same series.


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